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Art Unit: 2171

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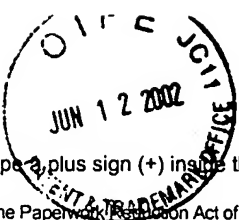
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- 1 1. (Amended) A method for auditing forms, the method comprising:
 - 2 issuing a request to provide a form identifier that is associated with a
 - 3 form;
 - 4 receiving the identifier at a host computer;
 - 5 verifying with the host computer whether the identifier is a valid identifier
 - 6 for the form being used.



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